GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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KHALISTANI MOVEMENT
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item regarding meeting of Khalistani leaders appearing in the Dainik Jagran, dated December 4, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein and the reaction of the Government thereon; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to ensure that the movement in support of Khalistan does not get revived?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a), (b) &(c): Yes Sir. The Government is aware of the activities of the Pakistan based Punjab militant outfits and the foreign based pro Khalistani activists during the visit of the Sikh Pilgrim Jathas from India to Pakistan.As per reports, the Khalistanis continue to receive encouragement from the Pak ISI.The Government is keeping a close watch on the activities of the Khalistan sympathizers and action is taken under the law wherever warranted. The Government has also adopted a coordinated and multi-pronged approach for tackling the activities of militants which includes strengthening of border management to check illegal cross border activities, gearing up the intelligence machinery, close interaction between agencies of the Centre and the State Governments, neutralizing plans of militants and anti national elements by coordinated action, modernization and upgradation of police and security forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system etc.